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The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

Letter dated 8 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to inform you about the recent deadly, brutal ceasefire violations and subversive actions by Azerbaijan along the Armenia-Azerbaijan border, as well as the line of contact with Nagorno Karabakh.

On 4 June, an Azerbaijani military unit intruded into Armenian territory and tried to ambush the members of the Armenian armed forces stationed near the settlements of Berdavan and Chinari of the Tavush region of the Republic of Armenia. As a result of these illegal actions, three Armenian servicemen were killed and several soldiers were wounded. A similar attempt was made by the Azeri forces on 5 June on the territory of the Tavush region, which resulted in additional casualties. On 6 June, an Azerbaijani armed unit tried to pass the contact line between Nagorno Karabakh and Azerbaijan, as a result of which one Karabakhi soldier lost his life and two were wounded.

All conflict situations are unique; however, they share a common point: a resolution to a conflict can be achieved and succeed only once the parties dismiss violence as a means of achieving their goals. The same was highlighted during the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Chairmanship conference on the Northern Ireland peace process on 27 April. The very same day, the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group released a statement in Dublin expressing their deep concern over a series of ceasefire violations along the Armenia-Azerbaijan border and the line of contact. The Co-Chairs stated that they "strongly condemn any loss of life, and reiterate that there is no alternative to a peacefully negotiated settlement of the conflict". This statement was made following another violation two days earlier, on 25 April, when Azerbaijani forces killed three Armenian soldiers.

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It is worth mentioning that, during the discussions of the OSCE Permanent Council on the unified budget for 2012 in December 2011, Azerbaijan rejected the proposed increase to the budget of the Personal Representative of the Chairperson in Office, which would have made operational the agreement between Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan at the March 2011 Sochi summit to create a mechanism for investigating ceasefire violations along the line of contact. In its statement, the Armenian side emphasized that, by rejecting implementation of the investigative mechanism, Azerbaijan bore all of the responsibility for further ceasefire violations and victims caused by them.

Sadly, the Azerbaijani side continues to reject the implementation of confidence-building measures, notably proposals of the OSCE Chairmanships and the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group on consolidation of ceasefire, withdrawal of snipers and creation of the above-mentioned investigative mechanism. Such a position is in direct contradiction to the commitments made by Azerbaijan, including those recently reiterated in the 23 January joint statements of the Presidents of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

By making belligerent statements and threats of starting a war, multiplying its military budget and organizing subversions and provocations on the border with Armenia and the line of contact with Nagorno Karabakh, the Azerbaijani side not only creates obstacles for peaceful negotiations but also poses a real threat to regional security.

During the press conference with the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Hillary Clinton, held on 4 June in Yerevan, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Edward Nalbandian, strongly condemned gross provocations organized by the Azeri side and noted that Azerbaijan was attempting to transfer the tension and escalate the situation on to the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which considerably undermined the negotiation process and threatened regional stability. The responsibility for all possible consequences of such activities lies on the Azeri side.

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter of 7 June 2012 addressed to you, I also draw your attention to the ongoing violations of the ceasefire regime on the line of contact by the Azerbaijani side recorded for the month of May 2012 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 35 and 39, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Garen **Nazarian**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 8 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1 to 31 May 2012

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
1.	1 May	Vazashen	01:15	AK	8
2.				PK	3
3.		Eraskh	12:40	AK	1
4.		Aygepar	13:40	AK	4
5.		Barekamavan	14:10	SVD	1
6.		Mehrab	18:20	DSHK	10
7.				PK	10
8.		Chinari	17:45	AK	60
9.				SVD	25
10.			19:00	Sniper 12.7mm	3
11.				AK	30
12.				PK	48
13.			19:40	Sniper 12.7mm	2
14.				PK	5
15.		Koti	19:35	SVD	4
16.	2 May	Chinari	12:50	SVD	10
17.			14:10	SVD	16
18.			14:30	SVD	15
19.				PK	5
20.				AK	70
21.				DSHK	3
22.			14:50	SVD	3
23.			23:40	SVD	3
24.		Aygedzor	21:00	SVD	12
25.		Aygepar	13:10	AK	2

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
26.	3 May	Vazashen	02:10	SVD	5
27.				PK	7
28.		Aygepar	13:30	AK	1
29.			21:30	AK	1
30.	4 May	Aygedzor	09:00	PK	15
31.			17:25	PK	6
32.		N.Karmiraqhbyur	11:20	AK	5
33.		Barekamavan	17:40	SVD	10
34.		Chinari	17:50	SVD	15
35.	5 May	Aygepar	00:30	AK	2
36.		Barcruni	21:20	SVD	3
37.		Movses	23:15	AK	2
38.			23:30	AK	30
39.		Chinari	23:35	PK	25
40.				SVD	15
41.				AK	20
42.	6 May	N.Karmiraqhbyur	00:30	AK	35
43.		Aygepar	00:40	AK	19
44.			18:25	AK	5
45.			19:15	AK	1
46.			20:55	AK	1
47.	7 May	Aygepar	12:20	AK	6
48.			12:55	AK	4
49.			13:30	DSHK	5
50.			20:40	AK	10
51.		Koti	22:25	AK	3

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
52.	8 May	Chinari	13:20	SVD	2
53.			16:40	SVD	1
54.			19:20	AK	3
55.			19:40	DSHK	7
56.			19:50	DSHK	5
57.				Sniper 12.7mm	7
58.			21:50	DSHK	12
59.				Sniper 12.7mm	7
60.				PK	40
61.			22:20	DSHK	20
62.				PK	30
63.		Aygehovit	20:20	AK	8
64.				PK	7
65.		Aygepar	21:30	PK	50
66.				DSHK	30
67.			22:00	DSHK	50
68.				PK	40
69.			22:50	DSHK	30
70.				PK	50
71.			23:40	DSHK	35
72.			23:55	DSHK	40
73.		Movses	22:10	DSHK	35
74.			23:10	DSHK	45
75.			23:20	DSHK	70
76.				PK	100
77.		N.Karmiraqhbyur	22:10	PK	40
78.			22:25	DSHK	30
79.				PK	60
80.		Vazashen	22:55	PK	50

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
81.	9 May	Aygepar	00:15	DSHK	13
82.		Aygepar, Movses N.Karmiraqhbyur	00:20-01:00	AK	400
83.				PK	600
84.				DSHK	550
85.		Chinari	01:05	SVD	3
86.				PK	7
87.				DSHK	3
88.				AK	3
89.			01:10	SVD	6
90.				PK	10
91.			01:15	SVD	7
92.		Aygepar, Movses, N.Karmiraqhbyur	01:10-01:45	AK	800
93.				PK	1250
94.				DSHK	1000
95.		Aygepar	13:00	AK	3
96.			22:50	AK	4
97.		Vazashen	19:50	AK	6
98.			20:15	AK	2
99.				PK	16
100.			20:30	AK	28
101.		Khndzorout	21:35	AK	47
102.				PK	7
103.	10 May	Aygepar	00:10	AK	6
104.			06:40	AK	3
105.		Sarigyuqh	12:30	SVD	7
106.				AK	25
107.			21:30	DSHK	15
108.		Movses	21:50	AK	5
109.	11 May	Aygepar	00:05	AK	8
110.			19:30	AK	3
111.		Barekamavan	12:30	AK	1
112.		Aygedzor	13:00	Sniper 12.7mm	3
113.		Sarigyuqh	14:30	DSHK	10
114.		Mehrab	15:20	AK	2

Number	Date	Direction	Time	Type of weapon	Ammunition
115.	12 May	Qarvajar	11:40	AK	40
116.		Berqaber		DSHK	1
117.				AK	40
118.		Paravaqar	17:30	PK	25
119.		Chinari	22:50	AK	3
120.			22:55	SVD	2
121.			23:00	AK	6
122.			23:05	AK	8
123.			23:10	PK	6
124.	13 May	Chinari	14:50	DSHK	2
125.				PK	3
126.		Aygepar	22:00	AK	9
127.			22:40	AK	15
128.	14 May	Chinari	15:50	AK	25
129.			16:00	SVD	2
130.				AK	8
131.	15 May	Chinari	01:50	AK	4
132.			19:50	SVD	47
133.			20:40	SVD	5
134.		Aygepar	13:00	AK	5
135.	16 May	Chinari	17:20	AK	6
136.				SVD	2
137.		Movses	21:25	AK	22
138.			22:10	DSHK	14
139.			22:30-22:50	DSHK	24
140.	17 May	Vahan	13:00	SVD	6
141.		Berdavan	18:45	AK	15
142.				Sniper 12.7mm	2
143.		Chinari	19:15	AK	7
144.		Barcruni	20:20	PK	25
145.				AK	20
146.		Movses	23:35	PK	13
147.				DSHK	8

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
148.	18 May	Chinari	06:20	SVD	3
149.			14:50	Sniper 12.7mm	2
150.		Ttujur	11:45	PK	100
151.		Aygepar	14:25	PK	6
152.		Aygedzor	16:30	DSHK	10
153.				PK	50
154.				SVD	50
155.		N.Karmiraqhbyur	18:55	AK	5
156.	19 May	N.Karmiraqhbyur	10:40	AK	4
157.		Movses	11:50	AK	16
158.		Aygepar	14:55	AK	2
159.			19:20	DSHK	3
160.	20 May	Aygepar	12:15	AK	3
161.			12:40	AK	3
162.		Barcruni	19:10	AK	60
163.	21 May	Arcvaberd	19:15	DSHK	12
164.				PK	15
165.		Tigranakert	23:40	AK	2
166.	22 May	Chinari	11:50	AK	15
167.				PK	15
168.		Barcruni		SVD	15
169.				PK	15
170.		Aygepar	17:30	AK	1
171.			21:50	AK	3
172.			23:35	AK	1
173.	23 May	Aygepar	07:50	AK	7
174.			09:20	AK	3
175.			21:40	PK	20

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
176.	24 May	Aygepar	00:05	AK	5
177.		Paravaqar	00:20	PK	25
178.			23:50	PK	20
179.		Movses	11:40	AK	5
180.			22:35	AK	17
181.		Berqaber	12:00	SVD	1
182.			14:25	SVD	6
183.				AK	14
184.			22:20	AK	15
185.		Sarigyuqh	15:35	SVD	5
186.				AK	15
187.		Aygepar	16:00	DSHK	20
188.			16:20	DSHK	15
189.				PK	35
190.			16:30	DSHK	15
191.			17:05	DSHK	17
192.				PK	15
193.			19:45	PK	12
194.			19:50	PK	3
195.			20:00	AK	4
196.		Berdavan	17:00	NSVT	20
197.		Doveqh	19:50	PK	20
198.			20:45	PK	5
199.		Chinari	23:50	AK	1
200.	25 May	Koti	03:00	AK	3
201.		Mehrab	12:35	PK	25
202.		Movses	13:40	Istigal	15
203.		Berqaber	22:10	AK	10
204.		Chinari	23:20	AK	40

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
205.	26 May	Shavarshavan	00:30	AK	3
206.		Chinari	02:00	SVD	5
207.		Aygedzor	11:30	PK	20
208.				Sniper 12.7mm	10
209.		Movses	11:40	PK	6
210.			14:30	Sniper 12.7mm	17
211.	27 May	Movses	18:30	AK	7
212.			18:35	PK	20
213.			20:55	AK	30
214.		Barcruni	21:45	Sniper 12.7mm	2
215.				PK	20
216.			22:55	Sniper 12.7mm	4
217.	28 May	Aygepar	00:05	AK	3
218.			11:25	PK	2
219.		Chinari	13:55	AK	4
220.		Sevakavan	19:10	AK	3
221.			19:55	AK	2
222.	29 May	Sevakavan	00:15	AK	15
223.		Aygepar	13:05	AK	2
224.		Barekamavan	14:40	SVD	2
225.			15:35	AK	11
226.		Qarvachar	19:10	Sniper 12.7mm	20
227.				DSHK	25
228.	30 May	Mehrab	10:45	Sniper 12.7mm	2
229.			16:40	Sniper 12.7mm	10
230.		Movses	16:30	AK	4
231.		Qarvachar	20:30	DSHK	100
232.				AK	200

Number	*Date*	*Direction*	*Time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
233.	31 May	Berdavan	1:05	AK	7
234.		Berqaber	16:30	SVD	6
235.		Chinari	18:30	Sniper 12.7mm	2
236.			18:35	SVD	3
237.		Berqaber	23:05	AK	8
238.				DSHK	6

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Armenia from 1 to 31 May 2012

Number of violations — 238

Shots — about 8,206

PK ~ (3,002), SVD ~ (323), sniper weapon 12.7 mm ~ (93), AK ~ (2,463), DSHK ~ (2,290), Istigal ~ (15), NSVT — (20)

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Nagorno Karabakh from 1 to 31 May 2012

Number of violations — 1,248

Shots — about 5,363

PK ~ (645), SVD ~ (501), AK ~ (4,005), DSHK ~ (77), RPK ~ (72), sniper weapon 12.7 mm ~ (45), Utyos ~ (18)

PK — Kalashnikov machine gun

SVD — 7.9 mm sniper weapon

AK — Kalashnikov rifle

DSHK — 12.7 mm machine gun

RPK — 5.45 mm machine gun

RPG — Grenade launcher

Utyos — 12.7 mm machine gun

NSVT — 12.7 mm machine gun

Istigal — 14.5 mm machine gun